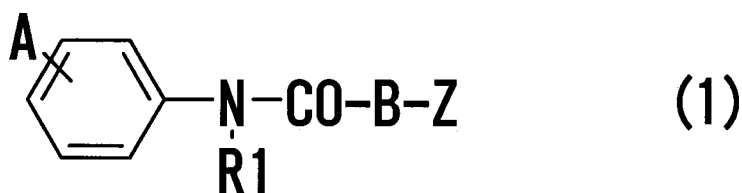


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of the claims replaces all prior versions of the claims presented in the application.

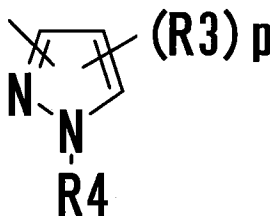
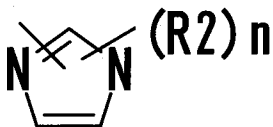
Claim 1 (Currently amended): A compound represented by formula (1):



wherein,

R1 represents a hydrogen atom or a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group which ~~may be~~ is unsubstituted or substituted;[[,]]

A represents an imidazolyl group or a pyrazolyl group represented by the following formulae:



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wherein,

R2 and R3 represent a hydrogen atom or a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group which ~~may be~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by G1,

R4 represents a hydrogen atom or a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group which ~~may be~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by G1, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylcarbonyl group which ~~may be~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by G1, or a benzoyl group which ~~may be~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by G1,

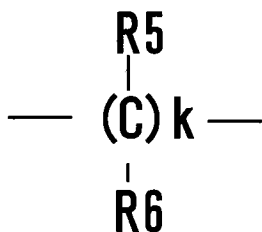
G1 represents a cyano group, a formyl group, a hydroxyl group, an amino group, a dimethylamino group or a halogen atom,

n represents 0 or an integer of 1 to 3,

p represents 0 or an integer of 1 or 2, and

R2 and R3 may be identical to each other, or different from each other, when n and p are 2 or more;[[,]]

B represents a group represented by the following formula:



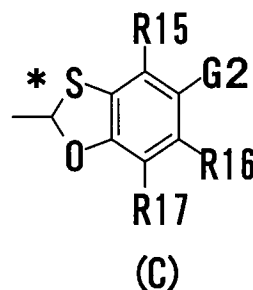
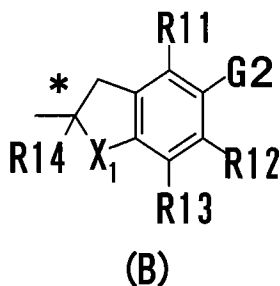
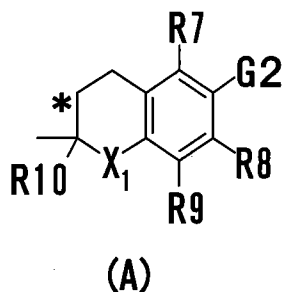
wherein,

R5 and R6 each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, a halogen atom, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group, a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenyl group, a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkynyl group, a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenyloxy group, a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkynloxy group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> acyloxy group, or a C<sub>3-6</sub> cycloalkyl group, or a phenyl group which ~~may have~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by a substituent nitro group, a halogen atom, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group, or a C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl group,

k represents 0 or an integer of 1 to 15, and

R5 and R6 may be identical to each other, or different from each other, when k is 2 or more;[,] and

Z represents a group represented by the following formula (A), (B) or (C):



wherein

\* represents an asymmetric carbon atom,

X1 represents an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom,

R7 to R17 each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group, and  
~~chroman-2-yl group which is substituted by G2, a 2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl group which is~~  
~~substituted by G2, a thiochroman-2-yl group which is substituted by G2, a 2,3-~~  
~~dihydrobenzothiophene-2-yl group which is substituted by G2, or a 1,3-benzoxathiol-2-yl group~~  
~~which is substituted by G2,~~

~~G1 represents a cyano group, a formyl group, a hydroxyl group, an amino group, a~~  
~~dimethylamino group, or a halogen atom,~~

G2 is represented by the following formula: NHR [([)] wherein R represents a hydrogen  
 atom, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylcarbonyl group, or a benzoyl group which ~~may have~~ is unsubstituted or substituted

by a substituent nitro group, a halogen atom, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group, or a C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl group,

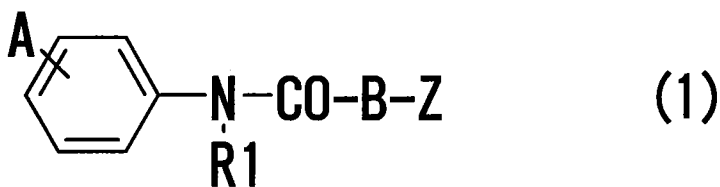
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 2 (Canceled)

Claim 3 (Currently amended): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 1, wherein A is 1-imidazolyl or 1-H-pyrazole-5-yl which is substituted at the fourth position on the phenyl group benzene ring.

Claim 4 (Canceled)

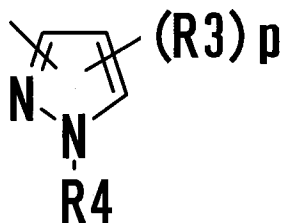
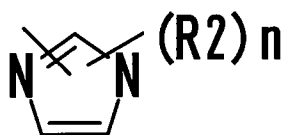
Claim 5 (Currently amended): An antioxidant comprising as its active ingredient at least one compound represented by formula (1):



[[ ( )]wherein

R1 represents a hydrogen atom or a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group which ~~may be~~ is unsubstituted or substituted,

A represents an imidazolyl group or a pyrazolyl group represented by the following formulae:



[[ $\square$ ]]wherein

R2 and R3 represent a hydrogen atom or a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group which ~~may be~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by G1,

R4 represents a hydrogen atom or a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group which ~~may be~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by G1, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylcarbonyl group which ~~may be~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by G1, or a benzoyl group which ~~may be~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by G1,

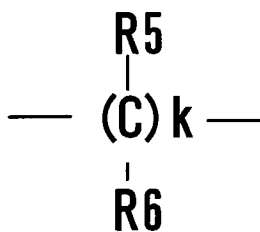
G1 represents a cyano group, a formyl group, a hydroxyl group, an amino group, a dimethylamino group or a halogen atom,

n represents 0 or an integer of 1 to 3,

p represents 0 or an integer of 1 or 2, and

R2 and R3 may be identical to each other, or different from each other, when n and p are 2 or more [[ $\square$ ]],

B represents a group represented by the following formula:



[[ $\square$ ]]wherein

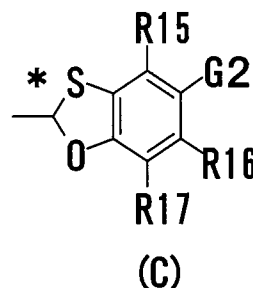
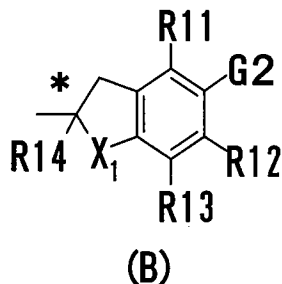
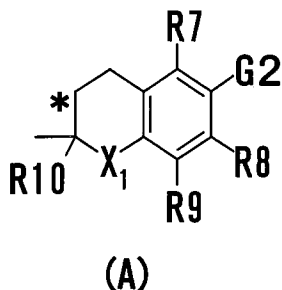
R5 and R6 each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, a halogen atom, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group, a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenyl group, a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkynyl group, a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenyloxy group, a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkynloxy group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> acyloxy group, or a C<sub>3-6</sub> cycloalkyl group, or a phenyl group which ~~may have~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by a substituent nitro group, a halogen atom, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group, or a C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl group,

k represents 0 or an integer of 1 to 15, and

R5 and R6 may be identical to each other, or different from each other, when k is 2 or more  
[[D]], and

Z represents ~~a chroman-2-yl group which is substituted by G2, a 2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl group which is substituted by G2, a thiochroman-2-yl group which is substituted by G2, a 2,3-dihydrobenzothiophene-2-yl group which is substituted by G2, or a 1,3-benzoxathiol-2-yl group which is substituted by G2,~~

~~— G1 represents a cyano group, a formyl group, a hydroxyl group, an amino group, a dimethylamino group, or a halogen atom~~ a group represented by the following formula (A), (B) or (C):



wherein

\* represents an asymmetric carbon atom,

X1 represents an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom,

R7 to R17 each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group, and

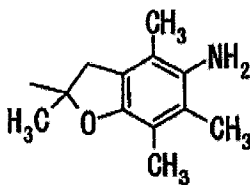
G2 is represented by the following formula: NHR [[()]] wherein R represents a hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylcarbonyl group, or a benzoyl group which ~~may have~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by a substituent nitro group, a halogen atom, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group, or a C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl group [[()]]

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claims 6-12 (Canceled)

Claim 13 (Currently amended): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim [[2]] 1, wherein A is 1-imidazolyl or 1-H-pyrazole-5-yl which is substituted at the fourth position on the phenyl group ~~benzene ring~~.

Claim 14 (Previously presented): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 1, wherein R1 is a hydrogen atom, A is 4-(1H-pyrazole-5-yl), k is 0, and Z is represented by the following formula:



Claim 15 (New): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 1, wherein Z represents a group represented by the formula (A) or (B) wherein X1 represents an oxygen atom.

Claim 16 (New): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 15, wherein A represents an imidazolyl group.

Claim 17 (New): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 15, wherein A represents a pyrazolyl group and Z represents a group represented by the formula (B).

Claim 18 (New): An antioxidant according to claim 5, wherein Z represents a group represented by the formula (A) or (B) wherein X1 represents an oxygen atom.

Claim 19 (New): An antioxidant according to claim 18, wherein A represents an imidazolyl group.

Claim 20 (New): An antioxidant according to claim 18, wherein A represents a pyrazolyl group and Z represents a group represented by the formula (B).